

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 527

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Bartee, Sr., of  
Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John D. Bartee, Sr., of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee was a farming leader of high regard in his community and throughout Montgomery County, serving as the director of the University of Tennessee Extension Service in Montgomery County for many years; and

WHEREAS, John Bartee, who was raised on a farm, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Murray State University and a Master of Science degree in animal science from the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, this gentleman was known for striving to keep local farming at the top of its industry, both technologically and educationally; and

WHEREAS, John Bartee was an institution in Clarksville and Montgomery County. He was a constant friend to farmers and always had time for anyone that needed his help, a mentor of young people and a genuine pillar of support for 4-H programs of all types, and a co-worker who was fully committed to the well-being of his staff, treating them as if they were family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee was instrumental in the founding of the Ft. Campbell 4-H program, which currently serves 1,900 young people in grades K-12. These young men and women organized a food drive for the Ft. Campbell Warrior in Transition Battalion, which provided for a number of Thanksgiving and Christmas meals; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the education of Tennessee's youth was also evidenced in his work with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, in which he gave support to the science, technology, engineering, and math initiative; and

WHEREAS, John Bartee's excellence in agriculture was recognized at both the state and national levels. He received the University of Tennessee B. Ray Thompson Award and was inducted into the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame, having proudly served as president of the American Gelbvieh Association; and

WHEREAS, as close as the land and the science of agriculture was to the heart of Mr. Bartee, closer still was his wife, Lois Young Bartee; his son, John D. Bartee, Jr.; his three daughters, Jan Walker, Joy Bartee, and Jill Ayers; and his grandchildren, Bill Walker, Mike Walker, Matt Walker, Daniel Nolan, Liam Nolan, and Ethan Bartee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John D. Bartee, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bartee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.